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cause our reporter has a "general pass within the lines," while they are not deemed proper subjects to be entrusted with such privilege. That is the cause of the accusations which the *Journal's* fellow says has been "made to the Provost Marshal."

THE CAMPAIGN IN MISSOURI.

Price is not bagged. The fatuity and inefficiency which sacrificed Lyon and permitted the surrender of Mulligan and his brave men, yet preside in the Department of the West. Price has escaped—gone to Arkansas—after having performed one of the most remarkable exploits of this or any other war. Entering the State with McCulloch, at the Arkansas border, he hovered over and around Lyon, until the latter, to save what remnant of the army might be left after the dread encounter, was forced to attack him, and in the bloody battle to offer up his precious life to the jealous incompetency which withheld the reinforcements that he asked. It was a grievous blow—his death; one that the Union cause will not cease to feel. From Springfield, after driving the survivors of that gallant body of five thousand men back upon Rolla, Price continued his march northward, toward the Missouri River. Every body knew where he was, what progress he was making, what force was at his command, and what probable object he had in view. Day by day the newspapers chronicled his movements, with minuteness, and as has since been ascertained, with extraordinary fidelity. Yet he traversed 160 to 180 miles of country open to our forces, made his way without interruption to Lexington, attacked, and, after an eight days fight, within forty-six miles of our Western outposts, defeated Mulligan, gathered up his plunder as leisurely as if he were a peaceful traveler preparing for a pleasure jaunt, kicked his prisoners out of his camp with contemptuous consciousness of his safety, and slowly turned his face toward the South whence he came. It is true that there were a dozen regiments of brave men, anxious to flesh their swords, in camp at Jefferson City, whence a few days' rapid march would have taken them to the Osage, where they might have had possession of and held the bridges and fords; true that five thousand men were lying at Rolla, doing nothing but chewing the end of discontent, whence they might have easily effected a junction with the division from Jefferson, and made the joint force invincible against anything that the rebel leader could command; true that St. Louis was full of troops not needed for the defence of that place; true that Gen. Hunter and the best military authorities saw the trap into which Price had boldly marched, and recommended that he be headed off and destroyed—all true. But Price heeded none of these things; he had traversed the length of the State, fought two battles, won two victories, destroyed Unionism wherever he went, and with sublime confidence in his luck, or with accurate knowledge and a happy appreciation of the management of the forces by which he was or should have been opposed, kept leisurely at his work, and made good his escape. He is, as we said, in Arkansas or near the border, having made a remarkable march, and a more remarkable retreat, without encountering anywhere, save at Springfield, an effort to arrest or cut him off!

This is a brief history; but it is too real. The events recited will probably close the campaign in Western Missouri—will close it unless the new born impetuosity of his pursuers, still at a respectful distance in his rear, leads them into a position from which extrication will be impossible, then, at the beginning of winter and at the end of a season that opened most auspiciously for the Union cause in that State, we may be compelled to announce another and still more disastrous defeat, and the loss of ten thousand men who will crown Price's rebellious efforts in the West. This is the record. No encomiums of a venal and purchased press; no laudations by paid hirelings who would praise or condemn as bidden, like a dog who "speaks" for his dinner; no bogus dispatches manufactured to order and sent over wires that acknowledge military censorship; no expostulation by men who are gorged with the fat of contracts by which the peoples' money goes with easy facility into the pockets of scoundrels of hideous dye, can change these plain and simple facts. No counter charges against a generous government which has winked at irregularities, illegalities and regal assumptions, until it has become almost criminal in its forbearance, can deny the truth of a narrative like this. We state the facts, leaving the obvious deductions to the good sense of those loyal men, who, as we do, place the interests of the Republic and the triumph of her arms far above the fortunes of any of her sons, no matter how exalted. Heaven knows that in these words of truth and soberness we have not a shade of personal feeling against any man in the Army of West. But we can afford to be honest and tell the truth. We have told it.

EDWARDS'S FERRY.

Our repulse at Edwards's Ferry appears more and more disastrous as we get fuller reports of the action. Whereas it seemed at first that, in compensation for a great sacrifice of life, we had gained a foothold upon the Virginia shore, it is now evident that we have gained nothing except another lesson in defeat. There are no Federal troops on the Virginia side. Some 98,000 men, the aggregate commands of the neighborhood, are indeed rallied at the Ferry under Gen. Banks, but since the first fatal attempt to cross the river we have heard of no other being made. The first great mistake was in the limited means of transportation across. The second, was the want of information as to the force of the enemy in that quarter. Our advance, upon the left wing, worked its way over in a single scow. The right wing had somewhat better facilities, though not enough. The enemy would seem to have understood this, and to have permitted the crossing until a sufficient number should be over to make the slaughter of them terrible. Less than 3,000 in all crossed. They were then led into ambuscades and dangerous places, by the wily foe, and that they stood so well and made so brave a fight speaks of the gallantry of our troops, and makes the sequel more painful. The loss of that day, in killed, wounded and drowned, is almost equal to Bull Run itself. Our ranks appear to have been decimated. Stragglers are indeed coming back to camp, but the official list which the Government is said to have in course of preparation will tell a sad tale.

Now it is difficult to find an excuse for this. It is stated that the advance was planned and agreed upon, ten days before. It was needful, before any great movement in front of the army, that its flanks, particularly at Leesburg, should be well guarded, and this could only be done on the Virginia side. From Prospect Hill northward, there is a serious break in our lines. A heavy column of the enemy, perhaps his entire left wing, bulges in, holding Leesburg and the turnpike down almost to Drainsville. This is the enemy against whom Gens. Stone and Banks were to move simultaneously. Gen. McCall felt of the enemy at Drainsville, and fell back to a convenient distance to catch the game when it should be stirred up above. The movement across the river should, then, have been made with more elaborate preparation than a single scow. Here was the fault, and though a costly lesson, and one that common prudence might have avoided, it may serve a purpose. Our army must be thrown across at this point, and the enemy driven back from Leesburg, before any movement is made elsewhere.

THE WAR IN KENTUCKY.

Camp Wild Cat Reinforced—Zollicoffer Makes a Midnight Attack.

It seems that after being thrice repulsed by the brave garrison at Camp Wild Cat, Ky., on Monday the 21st, Gen. Zollicoffer made a midnight attack, resulting even more disastrously than the other. During the day the following reinforcements had arrived to help the gallant band of 700 ecumnanded by Col. Garrard:—Ohio 14th, Col. Steedman, with six pieces of artillery; Ohio 17th, Col. Connell, and the Indiana 38d, Col. Coburn. The Cincinnati *Gazette* of yesterday says:

S. D. Thomas, Esq., sutler of the 2d Ohio Regiment, who arrived in this city last evening on in Lexington, furnished us the following, brought from Richmond, Ky., by the Mail Agent, to the Lexington postmaster.

RICHMOND, Ky., Oct. 24.

Dr. L. B. Todd, P. M., Lexington:

Zollicoffer renewed his attack (at Wild Cat) on Monday night, at 11 o'clock, and attempted to take Col. Garrard's breastworks by storm; but the enemy was repulsed with a loss of 40 or 50; also Col. Garrard's loss was about twenty killed and thirty wounded. [Signed] POSTMASTER.

It will be recollected that the engagement of which we had previous advices, took place on Monday morning and afternoon. The same night, according to the above, the attack was renewed, with a result entirely satisfactory to the Union side. The troops from Camp Dick Robinson had moved forward, and by this time the advance column must be formidable. A portion of the Ohio and Indiana troops reached Wild Cat in time to take part in the fight.

NELSON'S BRIGADE MARCHING AGAINST PRESTONSBURG.

[Correspondence of the Cincinnati Gazette.]

CAMP DICK ROBINSON, Ky., Oct. 20.

You may look out for stirring events within the next seven or eight days. Col. Harris's Second Ohio is to-night near Hazelgreen, Wolfe County, and Col. Nelson, Quigley's Kentucky Regiment is the advance guard of Gen W. Nelson's command. Col. Norton's Thirty-third and Twenty-first Ohio passed through Mt. Sterling on Saturday last. Capt. Laughlin's Cavalry and Artillery left the same place on the 21st. Yesterday, early, Col. Metcalf's Kentucky Regiment (better known as Stone Hammer) passed at noon the same point. Col. Marshal's Kentucky Regiment, to-day, is assembling at great haste, ready to start twenty miles per day. To-night all but the latter regiment will be in or near Hazelgreen, and about forty miles from Prestonsburg, and I expect by this week we shall hear of a fight or a foot race. Gen. Nelson is the right man in the right place. I give it as my undisturbed opinion that our army reaches Prestonsburg, which is eighty miles distant from Mt. Sterling, the valiant refugees will be non est.

A Proclamation.

GOV. YATES has issued the following necessary and timely Proclamation which every Illinoisan will heartily indorse:

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
HEADQUARTERS OF THE GOVERNOR,
SPRINGFIELD, Oct. 23, 1861.

While acknowledging the unity of interest which bind citizens of all loyal States in a common support of that Government, the duties of State pride and the duties to be performed for the interests of this Commonwealth, lead me to call upon all the patriotic men who desire to take up arms for the Union, to attach themselves only to the forces of Illinois, and to aid them to fill, speedily and completely, to discharge her whole duty to the Federal Government, recruiting within the limits of this State for the military organizations of other States, and for the regular army, recruiting officers not representing companies or regiments organizing under orders from these Headquarters are notified to desist immediately. RICHARD YATES, Governor.

Col. Dickey's Cavalry Regiment.

A correspondent, writing from Ottawa, speaks encouragingly of the progress made by Col. Dickey's Cavalry Regiment in their drill and equipment. The Chicago company have elected Lieut. Collins Captain, in place of C. C. James, promoted to Major. This is said to be one of the best companies of the regiment, though when all are so good it won't be unjust to make comparisons. Major William McCulloch (brother of the rebel General) has been promoted to Lieut Colonel. The editor of the Ottawa *Republican*, who has visited the camp, says:

On Monday we passed through the camp and was much pleased to see the order that reigned. We carried for an hour to see some several companies of the regiment, which was lighted in witnessing the evolutions, and especially with the spirit and life, and apparent delight with which the horses entered and took into the whole exercise. They seemed to understand it as well, and enter into it with as much interest as the men. Some 300 or 400 of them exercised all the way into the city, sometimes eight abreast, and then falling back to four, and thus teaching their horses and themselves how to quickly change position, wheeling right, left, as well as dignity or carriage. They were a fine set of fellows, and had horses in general worthy of their noble riders. Give them a chance, and they will do honor to the mesh mistaken if they do not make their mark.

The Plot Against Gen. McClellan.

The plot in high circles at Washington—Military and Administrative—to supersede Gen. McClellan or seriously cripple him, lest, forsooth, he shall win the hearts of the people to the exclusion of his enviers, was the subject of a meeting in the Detroit Board of Trade, on Thursday, when the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That this Board solemnly enters its protest against the removal of General McClellan, and demands of the Government that it will at once demand the author of the above statement, and, if false, proceed against him as a public enemy.

Resolved, That the business men of this city will view with feelings of displeasure and distrust any attempts on the part of either the Government or designing politicians to interfere with Gen. McClellan as commander of the armies on the Potomac.

Resolved, That no man, be he a Cabinet Minister or a private citizen, deserves either the support or aid of any true and loyal lover of the Union that would try to bring discredit on the name and fame of one in whom all our hopes are centered, and we hereby declare that we have faith strong, unbounded, unswerving, and ability, in the Christian gentleman and soldier who now holds command on the Potomac.

From Indianapolis.

[Special dispatch to the Cincinnati Gazette.]

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 24.

Col. Hazzard's 37th Indiana is at the mouth of Salt River, Ky., erecting fortifications.

Mrs. Commissioner Ingraham, and not Springham, is under arrest in Louisville.

Twenty thousand dollars have been subscribed to the National Loan by the citizens of Evansville.

The Adjutant General ordered the arrest of several foreign recruiting officers to-day, for violating his orders.

STEAM RAMS.—Charles Eliot, Jr., the well known civil engineer of Washington, has a communication in the *National Intelligencer* strongly urging the use of *steam rams*—much like the one used by the rebels in New Orleans against our blockading squadron—especially if we are likely to be involved in difficulties with our English neighbors. He says that the employment of numerous small but swift steam rams in our harbors will be a more thorough protection to our seaboard cities against iron cased ships of war which the British might send against us than all the forts and batteries ever built by Government. He advises their immediate employment by our Government.

☞ John M. Vandenhoff, well known many years since as a distinguished actor in this country, and father of Vandenhoff, the well known dramatic reader and lecturer, died in England a short time since. He was upward of seventy years of age. He was a man who maintained a most excellent reputation, in every respect, during the whole course of his life.

THE REGULARS.—The new regiments of the army, as far as organized, are being concentrated at Perryville, Md., which is at the mouth of the Susquehanna River, opposite Havre de Grace. The 11th and 14th, each about half full, are now there.

THE BATTLE ON THE POTOMAC.

Our Repulse at Edwards's Ferry.

GALLANT ACTION OF THE TROOPS.

A Handful Against Ten Thousand.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Oct. 25, 1861.

The following report of the battle at Ball's Bluff, midway between Conrad's and Edwards's Ferry, and opposite Harrison's Island, which occurred yesterday, has been gleaned from authentic sources:

On Sunday night, Colonel Devens, of the 15th Massachusetts, who had for some time guarded Harrison's Island with one company, ordered Captain Philbrick, of company B, and Quartermaster Howe, of his staff, with a detachment of twenty men, to scout the Virginia shore in the direction of Leesburg. They crossed from the island to the shore and executed the order by approaching within threefourths of a mile of Leesburg, returning to their starting point about ten o'clock at night, discovering, as they supposed, a small camp one mile or more from Leesburg. On reporting to Colonel Devens, the latter, with about 300 men, pushed forward, by direction of Gen. Stone, in the same locality, with orders to destroy the camp at daybreak and return, and Col. Devens remained with his command concealed and sent word that no enemy was in sight. Capt. Philbrick's company taking an advanced position, while the remaining companies were concealed as a reserve, in case of an attack on the advance. When about a mile and a half from the river, and five hundred yards in advance of Col. Devens's reserve, Capt. Philbrick, accompanied by Col. Devens in person, was attacked and severely, with a company of Mississippi riflemen, and then fell back to the reserve, concealed in the rear, on the appearance of a body of rebel cavalry. At the skirmish Capt. Philbrick had difficulty in getting near enough to the enemy for his smooth bore guns to have much effect, whereas the other used long range rifles on our forces.

At daybreak and at the same hour that Col. Devens's command left the shore to make the advance, Col. Lee, of the Twentieth Massachusetts, sent over one company of his regiment, which remained on the shore to cover the return of Col. Devens. Col. Devens maintained his ground, and was reinforced during the morning by three hundred more of his regiment, under Lieut. Col. Ward. About 1 o'clock he was attacked by a considerable body of the enemy, who attempted to outflank him. Fearing they might be successful, and after retaining them for some time, Col. Devens slowly retreated in perfect order to the river, where Generals Banks and Gorman, with a battalion of the California regiment, commanded by Lieut. Col. Wistar.

Gen. Banks here took command, first complimenting Col. Devens for his successful resistance to a superior force, and giving his command, now less than six hundred, the right of the battle line. The California battalion being formed of about three hundred of the Massachusetts 60th, under Col. Lee, and the California battalion, about five hundred in number, under Lieut.-Col. Wistar. Two mountain howitzers, commanded by Lieut. French, and one piece of the New York battery, commanded by Lieut. Bramhall, were in front of the center just previous to the commencement of the action.

The attack was commenced by the enemy on our right, but was soon directed more heavily to the centre and left. For about two hours the battle raged fiercely, a constant shower of leaden balls poured upon us. Three several times the fire of the line made an advance, but were compelled to return as often. The right was better protected and held their position.

An order came from General Baker to throw two companies on the enemy's flank, and attack the centre, which was immediately executed. This produced the impression that the battle was going against us, but caused no confusion or disorder. The fire was kept sustained, but remained firm. About this time the news spread that General Baker was killed. While the fire was raging in front and right, and with his shoulder to the wheel he was pierced by six balls. His was evidently the object of the enemy, and was accomplished.

After this there was a cessation of fire for a few minutes, during which Colonel Cogswell, of the Tammany regiment, arrived with two companies, and, being senior to Colonel Wistar, the command devolved on him. In a short time it became evident to Colonel Cogswell that it was the design of the enemy to cut his way through to Edwards's Ferry, where General Gorman was in charge, throwing over reinforcements. Gen. Stone, from Edward Stone, who was in sight of the battle field at Edwards's Ferry, directing the general movement.

An order was now issued to transfer the Fifteenth Massachusetts from the right to the left, which was executed as calmly as a battalion drill.

Colonel Cogswell soon became satisfied of the impossibility of reaching Edwards's Ferry, and gave an order to fall back toward the river, which was executed as well as the circumstances would permit. They reached the river bank about twenty minutes before nightfall. Here they were deployed as skirmishers along the shore. The only means of conveyance to the island was a large boat, capable of carrying fifty persons. This soon was overcrowded and swamped. The troops remaining on the shore made a desperate resistance, and it is believed that the enemy took considerable prisoners from the fact that companies were concealed as a reserve, in case of an attack on the advance. When about a mile and a half from the river, and five hundred yards in advance of Col. Devens's reserve, Capt. Philbrick, accompanied by Col. Devens in person, was attacked and severely, with a company of Mississippi riflemen, and then fell back to the reserve, concealed in the rear, on the appearance of a body of rebel cavalry. At the skirmish Capt. Philbrick had difficulty in getting near enough to the enemy for his smooth bore guns to have much effect, whereas the other used long range rifles on our forces.

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A STEP FORWARD.

In this matter of the liberation of the slaves of rebels, we have supposed that the people at large were a long way ahead of their partizan leaders, and that the rank and file of the old Democratic party were immeasurably in advance of those who have heretofore assumed to control them. Indeed, the favor which the TRIBUNE enjoys in the Northwest, known as it is as the strong and outspoken advocate of Emancipation as a war measure, has all along been conclusive proof to us that we had not outstripped the popular desire, and that the sentiments which, in our columns, find such free and fearless utterance, are strictly in consonance with the expectations of the popular heart. We are, then, not surprised by the action of the Union Convention in this city, on Thursday, which is a virtual endorsement, in the face and eyes of Democratic leaders and tender-footed Republicans, of the manly and upright course that we have pursued. The fact is, while the conservatives, as they delight to call themselves, (as if there could be such an anomaly as conservatism in war,) have been growling and snarling in relation to the "radicalism," the "abolitionism," the "incendiarism" of the TRIBUNE, the truths that we have been proclaiming have taken fast hold upon the public mind, strengthened and confirmed the faith of Republicans, cheered and invigorated the Abolitionists of the old school, and, as a last triumph, converted the body of the old Democratic, henceforth falsely called the pro-slavery, party. The chosen men of this last organization, meeting Republicans and Abolitionists in a Convention for an avowed political purpose, re-echoing what the TRIBUNE has been endeavoring to enforce by argument, entreaty, and sometimes menace, voted for and were accessory to the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we, the Union Convention of Cook County, approve of the rigorous prosecution of the war by our Government for the suppression of the unholy rebellion waged against it.

Resolved, That we hold rebels against our Government to be outside the pale of its protection, being criminals in the eye of the law and in the judgment of the enlightened nations of the world, and that as such they should be treated as public enemies.

Resolved, That we call upon the Administration to use every legitimate mode of warfare to suppress the rebellion—including the confiscation of all the property of rebels, and even to the liberation of the slaves.

We congratulate Messrs. GOUDY, MAHER, O'HARA and FULLER—the Democratic end of the Union ticket—on their advance in social and political ethics. They have taken a step forward of which we are sure, whatever their sore-headed associates of the old party may say, their consciences will approve. Seeing the enormity of buying and selling men and women, tearing apart husbands and wives, robbing cradles of their innocent burdens, condemning girls to forced and loathesome prostitution by fear of the lash or branding iron, and all the thousand and one abominations which make up the sum total of human slavery—seeing, we say, the enormity of these things in rebels in arms against a constitutional and anti-slavery Government, they will soon learn, as we have learned, to hate them, and, in the name of humanity, to curse them wherever in the wide world, they are practiced.

And, by and by, when the war tears more scales from the eyes of the deluded people who still delight to hug slavery, though the consequences are those which follow the embrace of a leper, Democrats, Republicans and all can join in one grand endeavor for the salvation of the Republic rent by God's grace, to stand forth before all mankind, "redeemed, regenerated and disenthralled," as Ireland's great orator said, "by the Genius of Universal Emancipation."

With this view of the advance which the Democracy are making toward the right doctrine, we hope that the gentlemen we have named have given their friends no authority to say that *they* repudiate the platform upon which the Convention placed them. They may expect that the *State Register* will howl, and that other journals not yet absolved from their old allegiance to the dealers in human flesh and blood, will make the air vocal with diatribes against their apostacy; but amid the clamor they will have the consolation of knowing that they are right and that the men whose votes they seek will approve.

For ourselves—the TRIBUNE takes new courage to do good service against the rebel enemies of human kind. When a great party, lately hostile, comes to our aid, why not?

WHY NOT?

The resort to emancipation as a justifiable sufficient means for putting down the rebellion has been objected to, on the ground that it is unconstitutional, and that it would be a departure from the true object of the war. We have, in former articles, effectually disproved both of these objections, and have shown that they have no foundation. We have demonstrated the proposition that the slaves of rebels may be emancipated by the military power of the Government whenever such a measure is called for by military necessity, not by violating any provisions of the Constitution, but under and by virtue of its authority. We have shown that under the Constitution their property is no more sacred than any other property, and that the slaveholder's right to his human chattel is no more strongly or specially guarded than are the numerous other rights which pertain to every loyal citizen. We have shown, too, that rebellion forfeits all rights, and that whether and how far they shall in fact, as well as in theory, become forfeit, depends only upon the judgment of military tribunals, acting constitutionally and according to the laws and usages of civilized nations.

The constitutional objection was worthy of an argument, and we submit that the positions we have taken are unanswerable. But the other objection, that the abolition of slavery is not the object of the war is a mere fetch, as nobody has ever asserted the contrary. But while it is true that we are fighting to maintain the Government and preserve the Union, we have shown conclusively that the emancipation of the slaves of rebels and traitors may be resorted to as properly and necessarily incident to our main purpose. We do not propose further to debate these points, or to weary our readers with any repetition of an argument upon them. We propose now, in reference to this measure, the simple question at the head of this article—WHY NOT? All question in regard to the enormity and wickedness of the rebellion has long ago been settled. The fixed determination of the loyal States to put forth their utmost power and energy in crushing it has been sufficiently vindicated. The magnitude and importance of the contest is no longer debatable. For the purpose of arousing the energies of loyal people, and awakening them to the stern reality of events that had burst upon us with unparalleled suddenness and rapidity, the speeches of such patriots as Joseph Holt and Daniel S. Dickinson were well timed. But to-day such harangues would fall tamely upon the ears of the thoroughly aroused champions of loyalty. Practical questions only are now worthy of consideration. And this question of emancipation is eminently practical. If resolved upon and carried out with firmness and efficiency, it will prove in the contest a most potent element of success. In every conceivable point of view it will tend to weaken the rebellion. Then why not resort to it? We are told that it will divide the loyal men of the country. But how? Will it drive loyal men into the ranks of the rebels? Will it induce them to turn traitors? The antecedents of some antiquated politicians may indeed them to growl at any measure that interferes with their old partisan notions, but it is declared by competent authority that the confiscation of a rebels property shall extend to the emancipation of his slaves, what do such men propose to do about it? Let it be remembered that every man who gives aid and comfort to the enemy is himself a traitors. Will these men become traitors for the sake of slavery? Do they prefer human bondage and the sway of irresponsible lust and power to the preservation of the Union and the triumph of Justice and Right? We would rejoice to administer this test to their patriotism. If there are men among us who will be true and loyal only so long as the war is carried on just according to their views of propriety, what are they better than the rebels who are seeking to overthrow the Government for no better reason? For ourselves we have no fears upon this point. With a love for the Union and devotion to the country that is limited by no personal considerations, we would risk all upon the sanction by the people of the extremest action in this direction that the authorities can be nerved up to take. The masses of the loyal men of the country will never sacrifice the Union to slavery. There will be no division among them. A few may threaten and bluster, but they dare not act. We say to such men that the great car of human progress is rolling on. It will crush every obstacle. Let them clear the track when the bell rings.

It is also said that emancipation will dishearten and drive from us the loyal men of the Slave States. That is a mere assumption. We have failed to discover a single indication to support it. On the contrary, we believe there are thousands of true loyal men in Kentucky and Maryland, and Virginia and Missouri, and even Texas, who would hail it with delight. They are not only loyal to the Government, they are loyal to humanity. Living in the midst of slavery, they have been to some extent borne down and enervated by its inevitable tendencies. Emancipation would fill them with new vigor and energy. They would rally with renewed zeal around the flag of our Union, feeling assured that the defeat of the rebellion would bring to them and to the States they live in, more than to any others beneficial results, that it would wipe out a terrible hereditary curse that they had feared would forever hold them and their children in its stifling grasp. Indeed, they would almost bless the rebellion for creating such a golden opportunity.

We repeat the question then. Why not? Why not destroy the great fountain of treason, and leave the country safe against the plotting and incendiarism of traitors forever after? Why not strike the monster in a vital part? Why not take the only step which will extract the greatest possible amount of good from all this evil? We rejoice in the certain indications that public opinion is rapidly tending towards this only manly, humane, sensible solution of our troubles. The eyes of the people are not dim, nor their ears deaf. They see already the distant flash, and hear the muttering thunder that is to leave our social atmosphere more clearer and purer when the storm is over. In truth, there is no rational negative to our question—WHY NOT?

Illinois Politics.

SIXTH DISTRICT.—Hon. MURRAY MCCONNELL, the Union candidate for Congress in the 6th (Springfield) district, has published an address to the voters, in which he lays down his platform as "for the war," and no party until peace is restored throughout the whole Union. He upbraids the rump of the Democracy which is now prostituting the name of the old party to serve the most base purposes, and declares that although a life long Democrat, he can see no advantage to come now from an adherence to old party lines and worn out party issues. The *Register* and the clique whom it represents rather squirm under McConnell's sarcasm, and when he charges them with disloyalty to an honored party, their only response is "you're another." The Democratic Convention re-assembled at Springfield, on the 24th, and the *Register* promises that it should nominate a "Democrat." But the refusal of Mr. Thornton, who once declined the honor. We have not the name of the candidate, and it's not of the slightest consequence. Any man would be sunk, and ought to be, under such a platform as that adopted on the 9th instant.

HON. I. N. MORRIS.—This gentleman, in reply to an invitation to address the Democracy of Brown county, (which he declines to do on account of ill health,) writes:

> Now more than ever before, on the firm and unanimous support which the Democratic leaders and masses are now giving to the Constitution and the Union, will depend the verdict of posterity to Democratic principles, or a want of loyalty to the immutable principles of the Democratic party. If we hope to regain and perpetuate the ascendency of our party, we should never cease to be a true Democrat unless he is a loyal patriot."

COLES, DOUGLAS AND MOULTRIE.—Hon. B. P. H. Bromwell is the Union candidate for the Convention from the District composed of the counties of Coles, Douglas and Moultrie. Orlando B. Ficklin is the Democratic candidate for the same district.

ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT.—The Union District Convention, at Rock Island, has nominated GEO. W. FIELDSANTS of Rock Island for delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

PRINCETON DISTRICT.—Mr. Kelsey, the regular Union candidate for delegate to the Convention, having declined, the Princeton *Republican* hoists the name of John H. Bryant, who received the next highest number of votes for the nomination. There is another candidate—Mr. Templeton.

FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.—The acceptance by Hon. Wm. A. Richardson of his commission as Brigadier General of volunteers, will, as in the cases of Gen. McClernand, Gen. Curtis, and other Congressional appointees, require a special election to be held to fill his seat in Congress. It is too late now to fill the vacancy at the regular November election, and a special day will probably be named by the Governor.

Ohio Military Stats.

Quartermaster D. L. Wood, of Ohio, in closing up his office accounts to the 15th inst., to take a captaincy in the regular army, makes an interesting report to Gov. Dennison of the operations in his department. Upon the 15th of April, the date of the President's proclamation, there was really nothing of value among the military assets of his office. Indeed, he had been urging to work off the old stuff, under the Southern pressure, which, up to that time, promised more a market for our military stores than any use for them in our own hands. Since that time the State has purchased twenty four rifled 6 pounders, 1,600 solid shot, 2,900 shell, the complete equipments for one cavalry regiment, 10,280 Enfield rifles, 430 Whitney rifles, 37,371 infantry accoutrements, cartridges by the hundred thousand, and percussion caps by the million. There have also been received from the United States 28,518 muskets altered to percussion, 15,000 new muskets, 740 new French rifles, 25,565 infantry accoutrements, 3,000 Hotchkiss shot, the same number of shell, and liberal amounts of cartridges and percussion caps. The 6-lbs. lake rotary has also traced out an immense quantity of ammunition. Twenty-seven old smooth bore cannon belonging to the State have been bushed and rifled, and over 20,000 muskets refitted and rifled. In the matter of clothing, the following are some of the figures:—26,765 pairs of blankets, 30,915 overcoats, 66,660 trowsers, 15,994 blouses, 10,000 jackets, 25,426 shoes, etc. Of camp equipage—2,824 tents, 20,000 tin plates and cups, 1,601 axes, 1,566 hatchets, etc.

Awards for clothing, for the Ohio troops, were made on the 15th as follows:—Caps and covers, 8,000, at $0.35; cavalry and artillery jackets at $4.90; infantry trowsers, 6,000, at $3.60; lined blouses, 6,000, at $5.30; shirts, 18,000, at $15 per dozen; drawers, 18,000, at $12 90 per dozen; cavalry overcoats, 3,000, at $10.75 each; infantry overcoats, lowest bid, $9.80, no award; shoes, 6,000, at $1.40 per pair; blankets, 4,500 pair, at $5c per lb., no award made; boots, 3,000 pair, at $4.9 per dozen; socks, 18,000, at 20c a pair.

The consternation of Ohio regiments has gone up now to the 79th infantry. There are six or eight regiments of cavalry, but there seems to be some dispute as to the enumeration. Thus, Taylor's Cavalry, at Cincinnati, and Col. Doubleday's (Wade & Hutchins) at Cleveland, are each claiming to be the 2d Ohio cavalry. Both regiments are full and nearly ready to take the field.

☞ Mr. Seward has revoked the penities in the State Department hitherto in regard to passports to colored persons, and such persons who desire to go abroad are furnished with the proper certificate of citizenship. Rev. H. H. Garnet, the well known colored clergyman of New York, appeared in London a few weeks since with such a document. The English abolitionists are pleased with this reform.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Night before Battle—No Battle after it—The Army under Midnight Orders—The Dragoons Commissariat—Wisconsin Cavalry Regiments—Dan Rice and Sickles' Regiment—Gen. Baker's Body Servant—Gen. Baker's Body Guard—Lamentable Affair—Gen. Baker's Body Guard—Lamentable Affair—Time of a Balloon and Morning Breakfast—Views of Some—A Reported French Prince.

WASHINGTON, October 24, 1861.

There was no battle. I start out with that, lest I set the reader's eye hurrying down the column for what assuredly is not there, the list of killed and wounded. It is not news I am to write, as we count news who indite paragraphs in Washington of an evening for readers beyond the lakes at their breakfast tables, the next morning. The great inevitable conflict has rolled one week nearer since that night, and Hems seven days old are stale. There is this to be considered however. It was a night before battle to all intents purposes and preparations. It promised to usher in a battle Sunday, and had such been the event of that Sabbath it is not unlikely that the preface would, in the clash of armies have lost itself, and remained unwritten.

Nobody reads a preface. I do sometimes under one class of circumstances read a preface with gusto. Say you are on a railway train. The industrious young gentleman, who travels to distribute our literature that nobody buys, hands you a single leaf containing title page and preface a kind of literary ground bait. I confess I have read through several such pages at different times and credited the author my time.

This night I speak of was a preface followed by nothing. In the great train of present events it came a single leaf of experience to me novel as to not a few in this great army of the Potomac. We believed it the night before battle, and in that it was not lies the opportunity given me to narrate it at leisure.

Time seven p. m. on a Saturday night. Scene, Camp of McClellan Dragoons just north of Washington. Persons divers dragoons and the writer. Enter hastily, pushing his bony horse to full gallop, an orderly from headquarters. It is a dispatch by military telegraph. Gen. McClellan is over the river. Orders body guard to make ready for marching at any hour, with one day's rations *and two extra rounds of ammunition.*

This caused a sensation. That last little hint suggested and presupposed matters our Chicago troopers had contemplated, but never so nearly in Washington at least, not to rob some of them of laurels won in Western Virginia. I call a council of war, issue my own orders to myself, and in compliance therewith take the field. I resolve to go into camp. Charley Barker will give me a shake down in his tent. I here desire to record the fact that were every ounce of sleep in the intestable order of things assigned to that shakedown, worth one gold dollar, I did not lessen the amount by a pennyworth, nor a fraction of a mill.

For, mark you, just as the clock told ten, up clattered the trooper sadly misnamed at that hour as orderly, and the dispatch read to the effect of ordering Gen. Dodsone to be at Chain Bridge, eight miles up the river, at three o'clock, signed McClellan.

Macbeth murdered sleep once I remember. Not to be irreverent nor unmindful of the honors one a head resting on shoulders worthily constituted, I must say I know another "Mac" that did the same thing that Saturday night. Ah, then and there was hurrying to and fro. No sleep till morn. If any one thinks my of these expressions familiar, I beg to say I do not dare to trust printers twelve hundred miles away with quotation marks.

I struck to my shake down, but did not sleep. The camp was all alive. It was settled that there was stern work for the morrow, and that precedent of the Sabbath. It was probable and impending as a fair construction of orders that the reporters were at last right, and "a battle in sight."

One day's rations ordered after dark required cooking, or the next did, and at the camp fires the pork sizzled and spluttered as if it had caught the prevalent mood and was in a hurry to be done and off. Orderly Brown was a busy man that night; saw to it until he served out, arms examined. The horses travelled much at a midnight feed, but troop horses never allow themselves to be surprised, and two stranded away in their stings as if determined that if die they must on the morrow it should not be of inanition. Talking of horses, there will be ample time before the end to "boot and saddle," for a paragraph or two horses. Amid all the stir of the camp, came sounds of equine distress from the stable of a fine sorrel, "Fox," destined to bear the Captain on the morrow. Fox groaned and scuffled and groaned again. You would, I told, set him down as in a bad way. I was sure equine distress was seldom more severe. I pitied him. Not so the boys, with whom poor Fox's lamentings were an abundant cause of merriment. They said it was an old Western Virginia trick of his always and ever to be lame and lugubrious in his sham suffering, to escape the saddle if possible. When I told of the Fox went his thirty miles at the ride succeeding, in excellent style and, the first mile past, complained no more, you will agree that his animal is cute enough. For myself, I am not unknown to many in the streets of Chicago and deserves this mention. Next, "old Bunker." He was the animal I selected to bear me to the fray. I chose him for several reasons. One was, he was thin, in one direction presenting as slight a possible mark to the enemy. He was tall, and useful for reconnoissance. He had a great many points about him, some good, some bad, and some you might have pronounced so. He had legs wherewith to run, and it might be Bull Run again, and to leap, like a deer, the boys are slightly sore. Now we send him the favorite riding. For all these reasons I carefully chose old Bunker, and for the remaining one that I could get no other. Old Bunker I associate in my mind in double harness as one night say, with the steed that carried the pumpkin-pelted pedagogue of Sleepy Hollow.

A midnight, breakfast. I stored away pork and potatoes and bread and coffee in my haversack and otherwise about me. I made a hearty meal in that unconscious of night, and when "boot and saddle" came, went out and clambered up on old Bunker. "Steed," said I, "it may be the sun of Austerlitz to-morrow, will thou be true?" and not a sniff said Bunker. "*Forward.*" And off we went. The moon had set. The air was heavy with moisture, and the chill made the heavy army overcoat comfortable. By fours we wound out of the camp out upon Fourteenth street, silently, save the clattering of scabbards and the tread of steeds. From my elevated position on old Bunker, I bade good-bye to trooper friends left behind, to their regret, either as necessary guards of the camp, or incapacitated for duty. Not a man that night did I see who, in the full conviction of a battle impending on the morrow, was not even more than cheerful. A waited long, it had come at last, and they were ready.

We moved off down Fourteenth street on a quiet walk. We had started early to spare our horses for what might be a stiff day's business beyond the Potomac. The whole city about us lay dim, drowsy and silent, save where the deep rumble afar told of passing wheels and we joined them to find a long train of artillery and ammunition wagons.

Then came the ambulances, and with about the same feeling with which you notice the sinky of the physician in front of your neighbor's door column ambulance, we wayleisurely out over Georgetown bridge, and through the streets of that adjunct of the capital. All but we were silent as the grave. In long grim rows of buildings not a light. In miles of streets I, at the head of the column, saw before us no sign of life. It was evident that no orderly had gone over to wake up the orderly borough of Georgetown, and it would do it in passing, they made no sign.

Out and over the hill and down upon the bank of the Potomac. The long line of high wooded shore over the river was dotted here and there by the flickering light of camp fires. Washington Heroes was lighted up. Amazing fence over the water, those encamped on the "sacred soil" are even as we under orders. And are they were. In all the army of the Potomac, within cannon shot of Washington, every soldier was under arms. Up another road comes the head of a long column of cavalry, and as we pass they fall in behind us.

The road winds along under the bank, in all the deeper gloom for its shadow. Passing from the house of man, the night air is broken. "I think, boys, we gave in a kind of home cheer, the "Star Spangled Banner" in tolerable style, for two o'clock in the morning.

We near Chain Bridge, and there draw rein. A tall Vermonter paces up and down across the entrance. Another he has relieved is rolled in a blanket and testing the soft side of a plank. He slept not long that night. Green Mountain boy forgive me for any share of the disturbance of slumbers which, unless you were gatling perchs and boiler iron, must have given you a cold, perhaps the horrors of asthma. Dont know it is not. Happy 0. 0.

A sudden tremor runs through the horses. The attitudinous Bunker bath the tertian ague, and the column is called to order. Not so mares, for yonder comes down the road something that might test stouter than our jaded nerves. Now we can't see the fog in the animal's cute ensemble, but we know it is

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Chicago Tribune

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 1861.

THE CITY.

LETTER LIST.—The list of advertised letters remaining in the post office appears in this morning's TRIBUNE of this page.

THE OPERETTA.—The fairy operetta at Bryan Hall was a complete success last evening, and was attended by a large and delighted audience. It will be repeated this evening.

FALSE ALARM.—An alarm of fire in the Second District, at about 6¼ o'clock last evening, was occasioned by the burning of a bonfire on State street.

☞ Jewett & Co., 56 Dearborn street, sell at 10 A. M., by catalogue, 50 boxes tobacco, 200 boxes candles, 200 kegs white lead, 100 tins [illegible], 50 packages choice liquors, and general groceries.

☞ War maps, charts, diagrams, &c., &c., the largest in the city, can be seen at Walsh's, corner Madison street and Custom House place. He has all the November Magazines, including the Knickerbocker, Harper, Godey, Eclectic, &c., &c.

STEALING DRY GOODS.—Wm. H. Maltby was examined yesterday morning before the Police Court upon the charge of stealing a piece of goods from the store of J. B. Shay, 163 Lake street, and held to bail for trial in the sum of $300.

STEALING A COW.—A man named Adam Kessler was held to bail, yesterday, for trial, in the sum of $400, upon the charge of stealing a cow from one Mrs. Mack, in the town of Jefferson. The case will be tried during the November term of the Superior Court.

A FIRE WITHOUT AN ALARM.—A few evenings since, a fire broke out in a tenement on the corner of Kinzie and Wolcott streets. No general alarm was given, but the steamer Atlantic was brought out and extinguished the flames before they had time to spread. The damage was inconsiderable, and mostly done by water.

☞ The Knickerbocker Magazine and Frank Leslie's Monthly and Gazette of Fashion for November, with a fresh supply of those elegant Photographic Albums and *Cartes de Visite* of celebrated and noted persons, have been received and for sale by McNally & Co., 81 Dearborn street.

PULPIT SUPPLIED.—The pulpit of Rev. Mr. COX, now on a short visit to Washington, will be occupied in his absence morning by Prof. Bugbee, the recently appointed pastor of the Indiana street M. E. Church, and on Sunday evening by Dr. Eddy, of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*.

CRICKET.—A match will be played on the Prairie Cricket Club ground, Madison street, near Union Park, to-day. Wickets will be pitched at 12 o'clock. A large tent has been erected for the accommodation of visitors, and as it will be the last match of the season, it is hoped that a large attendance will be present.

MCCLELLAN DRAGOONS.—All the new recruits for Major Barker's squadron of McClellan Dragoons who did not accompany Major Barker to Washington on Thursday evening, will report themselves at James Duffy's cigar store, No. 37 Clark street, on Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, when they will be supplied them to Washington. Every man must be ready to leave at 7 o'clock on Monday evening without fail.

FLINT AGAIN ARRESTED.—Another rumor is now afloat about that ubiquitous personage, Mr. C. C. Flint. Within the past fortnight his career may be briefly summed up as an arrest for obtaining money under false pretences; an indictment by a Grand Jury for forgery; running his bail; arrested in Washington; and escaped from the officer. Now the rumor comes that he is re-arrested and is on his way back to this city. We shall believe it when we see him.

FIRE REDUCED.—The map representing a trip from "Alton to the Gulf of Mexico, as viewed from the Hurricane Deck" for which there has been such a large demand, is now offered at one-half the previous price, viz. 25 cents. They are to be had singly or in quantities, of J. W. Norris at 102 Madison street, and 100 Dearborn. Mr. Norris has also received all the magazines for November, and all the popular weeklies and dailies of the latest dates.

TRIAL OF A NEW BREECH-LOADING CANNON.—A new breech-loading cannon, invented by E. Benton of this city, and made at Gates's foundry, was tested yesterday afternoon upon the lake shore, and fired sixteen rounds in fifty-six seconds. The new cannon is two and a half feet long and an inch and a half in diameter. The new principle applied in this gun is an explosion in the solid metal in the breech of the gun. The experiments were deemed entirely satisfactory to a large number of persons who witnessed it.

THE FIRST WISCONSIN REGIMENT.—This Regiment, Col. Starkweather, which has been in camp at Milwaukee, will reach this city to day at two o'clock, by way of the Milwaukee Railroad, on their way to Louisville, Ky. The Ellsworth Zouaves, Captain Ellsworth, are to escort them from the depot. This regiment contains many of the finest men that ever served so well under Col. Starkweather in Western Virginia. They should be well received.

The members of the Ellsworth Zouaves will be at their headquarters at one o'clock precisely, to turn out with full ranks at half past one.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.—Bamford & Baldwin, 18 Lake street, have just received a large edition of Dickens's "Great Expectations," complete in one volume, handsomely illustrated, which they sell at retail at the low price of 25 cents, with the usual discount to newsdealers. This last work of Dickens the critics universally, pronounce fully equal, if not superior, to any of his former efforts. In saying this the reading public will understand that it needs no higher commendation. The great popularity of the author, and the extremely low price at which it is afforded, will no doubt create a large demand, which Bamford & Baldwin are fully prepared to supply.

MUSICAL.—The choir of the Church of the Holy Name, under the leadership of Professor Girac will, on Sunday next, sing the evening service at the Church of the Jesuit Fathers, on Rice Island Avenue. The good reputation which the choir has amongst our musical community, warrants that the service will be fully attended. The pieces that will be sung on the occasion are all selected from the best sacred masters, and Prof. Girac, a leader of no ordinary attainments, is confident that they will be faultlessly performed. Miss Irene de Pelgrom is to preside at the organ, and the *Soli* will be sung by Miss E. Gerthe, Miss Farrell, Messrs. Shultis, Cox, and DePaulis. The service to commence at 7½ o'clock.

WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION.—We most cordially recommend to the citizens of Chicago and surrounding country, the extensive Clothing House and enterprising firm of G. T. Belding & Co., 100 and 102 Randolph street. This firm has been selling goods in our city just one year, and notwithstanding the "Panic and Peril," and the manifold disadvantages thereby which business men have had to struggle, they have stuck to the helm, and today they are second to no other house in this city in their line of Clothing and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods. Their stock of business suits, black dress suits, heavy and fine overcoats, is every way worthy of attention, and they are selling them at prices which will meet the views of the closest buyers. We wish them success, and recommend them to all. Store 100 and 102 Randolph street, opposite the Matteson House, and near Dearborn street.

☞ Animal chemistry reveals the important fact that the amount of gastric juice produced in the stomach, is in proportion to the waste of the system for nutriment, and not to the quantity of food indigested; after the field has dissolved all the food it can, any excess must remain indigested and pass into the intestines in a crude state, causing pain and irritation, and laying a foundation for disease; this fact shows that for proper nutriment only, so much food should be taken as the body requires, or as the gastric juice will dissolve. Temperance and exercise are the best medicine, but in cases of excess, nature has provided some valuable auxiliaries. Bitter Wine of Iron possesses the property of promoting the secretions of the gastric glands, thereby enabling the stomach to perfect digestion by its own progress. This valuable medicine, (a chemical combination) of pure old Sherry, Peruvian bark and Iron,) is prepared only by Smith & Dwyer, opposite the Tremont House, on Lake street.

GRAIN INSPECTION AND WEIGHING OF SHIPMENTS.

Meeting of the Board of Trade.

A meeting of the Board of Trade was held this evening at the rooms of the Board, pursuant to the following call, signed by a large number of the prominent members:

"In view of the evils attending the present mode of Grain Inspection, the undersigned, members of the Board of Trade, respectfully request the President of the Board to call a meeting at an early date, to consider the subject of a change in the system of Inspection, and also to take such action as may be deemed necessary in view of the recent action of Wisconsin, extending the rates of winter storage on grain."

The meeting was called to order at about half past seven, by the President, who briefly stated the objects of the meeting, and called for remarks on the subject before them.

J. C. Wright, Esq., in an eloquent speech, stated the object of the meeting. He said that the meeting was called, because of the improvision that prevailed that our system of grain inspection was imperfectly carried out; that owing to heavy rains a large amount of wheat shipped to this city as No. 2 Spring was "rejected," and was sold at a loss of 10@12c per bushel, and that this same rejected wheat was "doctored" and palmed off upon the shipper as No. 2; that men who are making princely fortunes out of the warehouse business were charged, he trusted unjustly, with mixing this grain. He demonstrated that by running one thousand bushels of rejected wheat into each cargo of sound wheat, that a sum of not less than twenty thousand dollars could be made out of two hundred cargoes. He also stated it as a fact that a shipper in order to secure a good cargo of grain in this city, had not only to employ an inspector to watch the grain as it went into the vessel, but he had to go himself and sleep in the warehouse. It was a disgrace to our city that such was the truth, but every shipper experienced it.

MR. W. also, commented pointedly on the recent announcement of the warehousemen that the rates of winter storage would be 1c@3c per bushel higher than formerly, and stated that he did not believe they could collect it from grain in store before that announcement was published. He also showed that such action on their part was wholly uncalled for, as their profits now were enormously large—and that it had the effect to advance the rates of freights, already ruinously high. He offered the following resolutions:

MR. WRIGHT'S RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Much complaint is made by members of this Board in relation to the following subjects connected with the business of members of this Board, viz:

1. The practical working of our system of inspection.

2. The practice of cleaning and doctoring natural grain, and procuring the inspection after such process as a sound article.

3. The frequent and successful attempts to deliver from the warehouses, grain of a grade inferior to that called for by the warehouse receipts.

4. The proposed establishment of storage on grain going into store prior to the 15th of November, and remaining in store for winter, on the charges of past years.

AND WHEREAS, this Board are desirous of doing all in its power to maintain the character of our grain and secure justice to receivers and shippers of grain, and having full confidence that our warehousemen and inspectors will cheerfully co-operate with the Board in remedying any such evils which exist, therefore

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to take into consideration these subjects of complaint, to obtain such investigations as they shall deem advisable, and to report their action and such facts as they may have been able to ascertain, together with such recommendations, as in their judgment may be necessary, to be laid before the Board at the first meeting, at 7½ o'clock, at the Room of the Board.

Resolved, That all members of the Board are requested to furnish to such Committee any facts in their knowledge bearing on these subjects.

On motion, the resolutions were adopted and the following Committee appointed by the Chair: J. C. Wright, B. B. Hutchinson, M. S. Bacon, A. Dow and A. E. Neely.

Mr. George Watson then rose and called the attention of the Board in a few remarks to the new Banking bill, showing its objectionable features, and offering the following resolution:

WHEREAS, An act was passed at the last session of the Legislature of the State of Illinois, entitled an "Act to amend the general system of Banking upon a specie basis in the State of Illinois," said act to become a law, subject to the approval of the people of the State at the November election; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has suffered already a loss of several millions of dollars upon an imperfect banking law. It is the duty of this Board, as the central commercial body of the State, to express our opinion thereon; and

WHEREAS, There are several very objectionable features in the bill; therefore

Resolved, That said banking law has been framed for the sole and exclusive benefit of the few named as the commissioners and their friends, without due regard to the interest of the people of the State, and that it ought not to receive their support.

The resolutions were adopted and ordered to be printed, and the meeting adjourned.

The Wabash Avenue Shooting Affray.

The shooting affray at the residence of Mr. Chas. A. Rogers, on Wabash Avenue, to which allusion was made in our issue of yesterday, came before Justice Akin and Justice Millikren, associate, yesterday morning. The prosecution was represented by States Attorney Hayes, and the prisoner, Capt. Burns, by Daniel McIlroy, Esq.

Mr. Rogers was called to the stand and testified substantially as follows: On Wednesday night, Mr. R. had been absent during the evening, and upon his return was informed by the servant that a man had been seen early in the evening ascending to the roof of the house by a ladder which some painters had been using during the day. The manifest agitation of the servant gave an air of probability to her story, and Mr. Rogers went through the upper part of the house, but finding no person, concluded the alarm of the servant was attributable to her imagination, and thought no more of the matter. Later in the evening Mrs. Rogers and her mother, who had been out visiting, returned. Mr. R. detailed the story to his wife, who paid but little attention to it, concluding it was one of the painters whom the affrighted servant had seen.

In a few moments after her arrival, Mrs. Rogers heard shouts in the yard, when she put to sleep down stairs by the alarmed domestics, and ran hurried her up to her room. After placing her in bed, she was obliged to go into her mother's room for some article, and while there she discovered a pair of top boots protruding from under the low cottage bedstead. Intensely frightened, she rushed down stairs and informed her husband. Mr. Rogers immediately went across the street to Mr. Dickinson's residence in quest of his brother, but not finding him, obtained Mr. D's. assistance, and the two went straight to the room, Rogers armed with a revolver and Dickinson with a cane. The latter looked under the bed, but at first saw nobody, and asked loudly if there was any person there. A slight rustle caused a second search, which resulted in finding Capt. Burns lying upon his back close to the wall. They demanded of him to come out, which he did, and while resting upon his knee, drew a pistol from his side pocket. Mr. Rogers at that instant fired, the ball entering Burns' cheek, passing out of his mouth, and carrying with it one or two teeth and a portion of the jaw. Burns instantly returned the fire, the ball taking effect in Roger's shoulder and inflicting a flesh wound. Three or four more shots were interchanged without effect, after which Burns rushed from the room. Rogers fired a parting shot just as Burns reached the top of the stairs, and immediately upon the report of the pistol, Burns fell headlong down the stairs. Supposing that he was killed or mortally wounded, Rogers and Dickinson hastened down stairs but found him uninjured except by the first shot. Mr. Dickinson secured the intruder, while Mr. Rogers went for a policeman who took Burns into custody.

Mr. Dickinson was called to the stand and testified substantially as above. The defence called several witnesses who testified that Burns had always borne the reputation of being a quiet, peaceable, and honest man. Until January last, he had been in the employ of the American Express Company, having charge of the Pennsylvania Central freight. They testified that before the marriage of Mrs. Rogers, then Miss Woodworth, an intimacy existed between the lady and Capt. Burns, amounting in the estimation of the public to an engagement. He was in the habit of visiting at Mrs. Woodworth's residence, and these visits were returned by Mrs. W. and her daughter. Some time in 1860, this intimacy was broken off, for reasons unknown, and in December of the same year Miss Woodworth married Mr. Chas. A. Rogers, a commission merchant of this city.

These facts having been testified, the question arose as to the motive of the intrusion in this mysterious manner. The prosecution contended that Burns had introduced himself in this unusual manner, actuated by feelings of jealousy and revenge, for the commission of some felony, and that the bare fact of breaking into a house at night carried with it the circumstantial evidence that his prosecution implied the motive of some felony to be committed, which it was unnecessary to establish by evidence, and therefore, asked for his commitment to answer the charge of burglary.

The defence on the contrary urged in extenuation that an extensive correspondence had passed between the lady and the defendant; that the latter had these epistles in his possession at the time, and was present to deliver them to the lady alone. The prosecution demanded proof of this motive, which the defence failed to produce, and the Court therefore held the prisoner in $1,000 bonds, to answer the charge of burglary.

There are the facts in this mysterious affair, as established by the evidence. The street and late public gossip has all sorts of rumors and absurd stories in relation to it. The public should withhold all opinion until the facts come to a full trial, and then if the charge of guilt on it be placed upon the proper parties. In the meantime many-tongued rumor may go gross injustice and public injury may arise in the [illegible] of the public mind.

Independent Meeting.

Pursuant to a circular sent to a large number of leading citizens who were known to be opposed to the action of the recent "Union" County Convention, a meeting was held last evening at 114 Randolph street. The meeting was called to order by R. G. Caulfield, Esq., upon whose motion Charles G. Wicker was elected Chairman, and G. C. Walker, Secretary.

Elijahlet Wood, Esq., offered a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, that this meeting disagree to the ticket nominated by the Union Convention yesterday, as a whole.

J. W. Wanghop moved that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to consult with any other meeting, in order to secure concerted action among all those who disagree with yesterday's action, which was carried, and the chairman appointed Elijahlet Wood, J. J. Richards, and J. W. Wanghop such committee.

Mr. Richards moved that a committee of one from each Ward be appointed to select a ticket and report it to this meeting.

Mr. Wanghop moved as a substitute, that a committee of ten—one from each Ward—be appointed to call a meeting on Tuesday next, which was adopted, and the following committee was nominated:

WARDS.	WARDS.
1st—B. A. B. Mills.	5th—John Martin.
2d—H. A. Clark.	7th—Dr. Boyer.
3d—Calvin DeWolf.	8th—H. E. Hamilton.
4th—Otto Matteschiner.	9th—J. J. Richards.
5th—A. B. Holden.	10th—Thomas Clowry.

The following resolution was then offered and unanimously adopted;

Resolved, That this meeting, by the gentlemen present from each ward, appoint a Committee of two from each ward, whose duty it shall be to report a Committee of four from each ward to the Mass Meeting at Metropolitan Hall, who shall be submitted to the approval of that Mass Meeting, and after having been approved, shall report candidates for the different offices to be voted upon by the meeting, the Committee to consist of an equal number of Democrats and Republicans, and not to exclude members of the Union Convention; each town in the county to be invited to send one delegate.

In pursuance of the above resolution, the following Committee was appointed:

First Ward—B. W. Raymond and J. P. D. Elliott.

Second Ward—Julius Rosenthall and Hart L. Stuart.

Third Ward—Isaac Wells and Thomas Barrett.

Fourth Ward—L. Lakperts and Phillip Dean.

Fifth Ward—J. C. Haines and Wm. B. Snowden.

Sixth Ward—John Nibble and James McMullen.

Seventh Ward—G. S. Hubbard and Mathias Schuh.

Eighth Ward—D. S. McLean and T. Webber.

Ninth Ward—R. Rawson and Jas. Bowen.

Tenth Ward—David Walsh and Chas. Reitz.

C. G. Wicker, at large.

The committee appointed for the purpose have issued the following call for the Mass Meeting:

"VOX POPULI, VOX DEI."

Opposition to the Action of the Packard Union Convention, so-called.

There will be a mass meeting held at a place to be made known hereafter, on Tuesday evening next, at 7 o'clock, at which the People are expected to nominate candidates for the County offices at the election to be held the first Tuesday of November next, (8th).

All opposed to the action of the late Union Convention—so called—are requested to be present.

By order of the Committee.

R. G. CAULFIELD, Chairman.
J. J. RICHARDS, Secretary.

The Committee of twenty, named above, will meet at 114 Randolph street, up stairs, at 3 o'clock this (Saturday) afternoon.

Sale of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad.

In pursuance of the notice heretofore given, the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Rail road was sold at auction, at Cleveland, Thursday, to the highest cash bidder, by John Ferguson and Thomas E. Walker, Trustees and Master Commissioners. The sale took place at the south door of the United States Custom House, there being four bids, as follows: $60,000, $70,000, $80,000, and $100,000.

The purchaser was Mr. J. F. D. Lanier, of the firm of Winslow, Lanier & Co., New York City, in behalf of himself, Samuel J. Tilden, John Edgar Thomsen, Samuel Hanna, and L. H. Meyer, the cash price being $2,000,000.

The reorganization of this road is effected under special enactments of the State Legislatures of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and is on terms generally satisfactory to all the different classes of bond and stockholders. Under its charter the road is to be sold out to Samuel J. Tilden, John Edgar Thomson, J. F. D. Lanier, Samuel Hanna, and L. H. Meyer; and the Ohio & Pennsylvania Railroad, Ohio & Indiana Railroad, and the Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad first mortgage bonds and accrued interest become merged in a new issue of $5,850,000 seven per cent. sinking fund bonds, secured by a first mortgage over the whole road—equal to $11,000 per mile.

A second mortgage of like amount secures bonds to be awarded to the holders of the present record, in exchange for those of the old companies, and a third mortgage of $3,000,000 will secure the interest on bonds to be given to the holders of the old real estate bonds and other classes of old indebtedness. The interest on the bonds to be issued under this third mortgage will only be paid in the case the earnings of the road prove sufficient for the interest and sinking fund for the first and second issues. Stock for $6,000,000 will draw six per cent. dividend, the balance of the net earnings going to reduce the first issue of the bonds.

SABBATH SCHOOL UNION.—The regular monthly meeting of the Chicago Sabbath School Union will be held on Monday evening next in the 3d Presbyterian Church, on West Washington street, commencing at 7½ o'clock. Reports relating to systematic visitation will be made, and other matters of more than ordinary interest will be considered. Superintendents and teachers will please see that this notice is given to their respective schools and churches when they attend Divine service tomorrow (Sunday), as no other notice will be sent.

E. C. WILDER, Secretary.

Unpaid Letters.

The following letters, detained in the Chicago Post Office for postage, will be forwarded to the Dead Letter Office, Washington, unless the postage is previously paid. Call at the room of the Dead Letter Clerk, up stairs:

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Hans Nehis, Kankakee City, Ill.
J. M. McDonall, Melrose, Ill.
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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

The usual services will be resumed on Sunday morning at half past ten, Sermon by the pastor, Rev Robert Collyer.

—Rev. A. Pierce, of Watertown, Conn., will preach in Wentworth Church, corner of Ontario and Dearborn streets, on the Sabbath at 10½ A. M., and 7½ P. M.

CHRISTIANITY AND THE DRAMA. PROFESSION.—In the fifth of the series of sermons on the application of Christianity, by the Pastor of the First Baptist Church, to be delivered Sunday evening.

Rev. T. M. Eddy, D. D., will preach at the Dearborn Street M. E. Church, corner of Ontario and Dearborn streets, on the Sabbath at 10½ A. M. At the close of the sermon will be presented a sword to Rev. David Tood, former pastor of the church, now Chaplain of the 19th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, and *en route* to join his regiment. Mr. Tood will respond.

—Rev. T. C. Doherty, (of New York city) will preach to-morrow morning and evening at the Calvary Church. Morning service at 10½ o'clock, evening service at 7½ o'clock. Calvary Church is on Indiana avenue, near Ringold place.

Quarterly meeting. Service at the Indiana street M. E. Church, to-morrow, Preaching at 10½ A. M. by the Rev. E. M. Boring, P. E. Communion. Class meeting at 2 P. M. Preaching by Rev. L. H. Bugbee, pastor of the church, will preach in the evening. Love feast Monday evening. Preaching at 7½ P. M. Farewell.

—Rev. N. C. VanWater, of the Howard Whedon and Rose Hill Mission, will address the Sunday School of the Baldwin M. E. Church, (Fifth street,) Sunday afternoon, at four o'clock, and preach in the First Presbyterian Church the same evening.

ORGANIZATION.—By W. F. Van Vleck, of New York, a Lodge of Good Templars will be organized on Monday evening, commencing at 7½ o'clock. All persons free to the meeting, and the organization free to the members.

THE COLBY INVESTIGATION.

More About the C. S. C. & M. Co.

HOW PATENT RIGHTS ARE SOLD.

A Tough Witness on the Stand.

TESTIMONY OF MATTHEW LAFLIN, J. D. WARD, G. W. WILSON, J. S. THOMPSON AND N. S. BOUTON.

The Common Council resumed the investigation of Alderman Colby last evening, eleven Aldermen being present. Ex-Alderman J. D. Ward was called to the stand.

TESTIMONY OF JASPER D. WARD.

I am an at torney at law; I know Ald. Colby and Matthew Laflin; I know the most of the stockholders in the Chicago Stone, Coal and Mining Company, when a suit was commenced for the use of the company in the name of Webber vs The City; I was employed by the Company in that action; it commenced two years ago last summer; this suit was brought to recover a balance claimed to be due on a contract for work done on West Randolph street; the suit was settled; nothing was done but filing a declaration of the plaintiff; I can't say what Ald. Colby knew of the suit; my principal negotiations were with Ellithorpe; I frequently saw Colby in the street and spoke about the suit; can't remember any distinct conversation; I think once or twice; I spoke to Colby about it. Q.—Did you ever have any conversation with Colby and Ellithorpe together? A.—I don't remember any. Q.—Did you ever have any conversation with Colby and Ellithorpe about the suit? A.—I don't recollect. Q.—Did you ever have any conversation with Colby and Ellithorpe or any of the company about the suit? A.—I don't recollect. Q.—Did you pay them anything for the suit? A.—I don't know; I have answered the question before; I have answered it three times more.

Mr. Van Buren.—Oh! that's not dignified, Mr. Laflin.

Witness.—"I don't care whether it is dignified or not."

Q. Did you ever see the Western Avenue work after it was completed? A. Yes, sir. Q. Did you think you were entitled to be paid from the city? A. Yes; I supposed so. Q. Was there much work done? A. I think about $1,000 worth. Q. How much work did Taylor do? A. It wouldn't amount to $30, I think. Q. Were you at New York when the sale of the rights was made? A. Yes. Q. How much money was received? A. About $7,000. Q. Was there a sale made for Canada? A. Yes, sir. Q. What was it for? A. $2,500. I believe; there was a sale made for Arizona or New Mexico, or some of those countries where the silver mines are. We took stock in a mining company for payment I believe, but it didn't amount to anything. Ellithorpe sold a preliminary right for the whole United States without ratification. I was employed in the negotiations; I think Colby was aware of the negotiations but don't know whether he consented to the settlement; there was quite a number of papers placed in my hands; I had a contract, and I think estimates or copies of estimates; the suit was brought to recover the contract price; my impression is that it was $18,000; I received the papers from Hinman, Secretary of the company; I think the first part of the negotiation was done by me; I was not present at the final settlement; one evening when we had negotiations with Haines and Ward, *I pledged my word to settle a difficulty because neither would trust the other.* I don't recollect to whom I surrendered the papers placed in my hands; I think, however, to Hinman; I learned when I brought the suit, from Ellithorpe, that the claim had been arranged; I remember a bill in chancery was filed and an injunction procured, subsequent to the time I agree now to make the settlement.

Cross examination waived by Mr. Van Buren.

TESTIMONY OF MATTHEW LAFLIN.

I was President of the Chicago Stone, Coal and Mining Company; was the first President; the original members were Colby, Ellithorpe, Dunham, Smith, Holt and myself; the object of the Company was to consolidate, get contracts, sell out patent rights and work quarries; Hinman was Secretary and Holt Treasurer; the capital stock was $16,000; there were one hundred shares; the shares were owned by Smith, 39 by Holt, 40 by Dunham, 40 by myself, and one each by Colby & Ellithorpe; there was a purchase made by the Company of the Webber claim; the Webber purchase was $30,000 on the quarry property; they signed the contract; the tools and a right to a patent for the same were also included; the Company took out a patent on the crusher; the contract for macadamizing West Randolph street was assigned to Hinman and myself in trust for the Company; the Board was organized; we were to loan them $4,000 in money, in consideration and had to redeem an order announcing Colby over up a $8,000; provided they made certain payments, they were to have half the stock; they never made the payments; all the estimates on the Randolph street work were included in the assignment; they bound themselves to us to complete the work; the estimate was for $16,000 or $17,000, and we did not see that it was for $7,000; after it was redeemed, I had it; I took it to Ward and received about $1,300 or $1,400 from the first estimate; I have seen it recently in the Court House; it was the same Van Nest had; I don't recollect whether the amount was endorsed upon it; the estimate was in favor of Webber & Co.; the company; the company never transferred it; suit was afterwards brought to recover from the city; Colby was at that time one of the Directors and knew about the suit and the settlement; the settlement was made by the Board of Directors, and all of them assented to it; I suppose the estimate was delivered up to Mr. Ward; the Secretary made the settlement and the company got a deed; I don't remember; I now live in Brooklyn, N. Y.; I never saw the estimate after the settlement until within ten days since, after the first man I met; I had a talk by claim any of the money; he never found any fault with the settlement; at the time of the trade with Colby and Ellithorpe, Western Avenue had not been graded; I had only an extent; Ellithorpe and Colby had the management of it; a petition was drawn up to the Council; I think Colby and Ellithorpe started the idea; they proposed to get a contract; the company felt some interest in having it done; they did not want the expense, however, to get something out of the city; I think as order in this respect was passed by the Board of Directors; Ellithorpe and Colby suggested first to get pay out of the city; Taylor was to do considerable of the work, but he didn't do much; the company furnished the stone and we did the hauling; I think they received about $1,000; I think Colby superintended the work while it was in progress; I never saw any city clerks there, nor any specifications or contract; I never understood there was a contract made with the city; don't recollect asking the city for anything; *when I sold my stock I didn't consider any claim worth much;* the work was done in two or three weeks; there was an object in completing the work to advantage ourselves; the street was not continued farther south than our work; I don't recollect; I laid down rods from Chicago avenue; Western avenue was graded up to the Whisky Point road; I think we graded a small part of it; I was President and Treasurer; I don't know Durham did; I sold to Nash & Danks; I don't know whether Colby & Ellithorpe are interested in the company and its assets now; Colby and Ellithorpe paid the loan somehow on the settlement; the company paid them an allowance of $2,000; Rudolph was employed as contract to bring round a settlement with the city; the company afterwards furnished some four or five thousand dollars in addition to the capital stock; *I sold my shareholders made a great deal out of it; I don't like to tell all the time;* believe Ellithorpe sold out the copyright afterwards; he wasn't very particular about it; *he sold the right to the United States;* I don't know how much he got, the company never got anything for it; I had a talk with Ellithorpe in New York, he wanted to sell out to a man in Oregon; I made him insert "Oregon" in the deed; I don't know; *this deed was good for the whole United States;* at the time I sold out, Colby and Ellithorpe had one share; and I understood they combined with Nash and Danks, some one or the other, and got the patent rights back in their hands; I don't know how it was done, but I supposed they knew; I don't know were some *clear sky notes* also among the assets.

Cross Examination.—Q.—When was the company organized? A.—In September or October, 1858. Q.—How long before that was the first contract made between you and Colby and Ellithorpe? A.—Some time in September, I think. Q.—When did you first have a conversation with Colby and Ellithorpe about these matters? A.—About 30 days before the organization. Q.—How came you to enter into negotiations? A.—I recollect it took place in Colby's office. Q.—What proposition did Colby make? A.—I don't recollect. Q.—Do you recollect saying there was a good deal of money in it? A.—I probably have said so. Q.—What has refreshed your memory since? A.—A few days after. Q.—Do you recollect taking Mr. Dunham to Colby's office? A.—Yes, sir. Q.—What was the first bargain you made? A.—The first bargain was made with Colby and Ellithorpe. Q.—Was not Dunham announced? A.—Yes, sir. Q.—When was it you and Dunham were there, did you mention Dunham as a man of wealth? A.—Colby said I talked that over before he came. Q. Do you remember saying to Colby that the Illinois Central R. R. Company had subscribed, that you had influence to get the contract? A. Don't think I did. Q. What was the substance of the conversations you had then? A. We talked the matter over about buying an interest; I went in and said, "Good evening, Mr. Colby," and he said: "Good evening, Mr. Laflin, take a seat;" and I took a chair; I don't propose to tell you anything more about my private business. Q. What more was said? A. I got up, bid him good night, and went home. Q. Can you tell what amount he asked you for an interest in the whole concern? A. I don't recollect; I think some $4,000 or $5,000 was talked of for a half interest. Q. Was anything said before the organization, about your having a half interest in Colby, and the stone would be needed there? A. I think not. Q. What was done at the next interview? A. We settled preliminaries, and I was the particulars of the agreement? A. We were to give them $1,600 for a chance of getting the patent right on the crusher, and so long as I was in the city, I was to know about their corporation? A. I think not. Q. When was the next interview? A. Shortly after; they came to my office and took a chair; I did not like to be upset and so I got up and had to agreed to take an interest. Q. Was the contract for 15 or 20 acres assigned to you individually? A. I don't recollect; I held them in trust. Q. Was there a resolution passed by the company to purchase from you the contract assigned to you by Colby & Ellithorpe? A. I don't recollect. Q. What was the sum you spoke of? A.—Carts, wagons, blacksmith's shop, stone-breaker, &c. Q.—What did you pay Colby and Ellithorpe for the assignment of the 20 acres? A.—I don't recollect. Q.—Did you individually pay them anything? A.—Yes, sir, but I don't recollect how much. Q.—Did you pay anything to Colby and Ellithorpe for their interest in that land? A.—We did just what we agreed, and you can't get anything more out of me about my private business.

Mr. Van Buren—"I insist, Mr. Chairman, upon the witness answering."

Witness—"Bring in the books. Those will tell you."

The Chair thought it was a proper question.

Witness—"I can't recollect what it was. I paid what was required."

Q.—Did you pay them anything for the tools and stone breaker? A.—I don't recollect. Q.—Did Colby and Ellithorpe frequently request the officers of the company to settle a suit or give them a share of the profits, to be applied to their indebtedness? A.—They often asked for dividends. Q.—Was any difference made between Colby, Ellithorpe, and yourself? A.—No, sir. Q.—Was not the West Randolph street contract assigned? A.—It was to Rudolph. Q.—Was not Rudolph the treasurer of the company? A.—He was the treasurer of West Randolph street was assigned? A.—10 or 12 days. Q.—Was not the Board of Directors of the company changed? A.—I don't recollect. Q.—Was not Rudolph put on with Colby and Ellithorpe? A.—It might have been. Q.—Why then did you state that it was made, first, last and all to Colby and Ellithorpe? A.—I don't recollect.

J. S. THOMPSON'S TESTIMONY.

I am a Civil Engineer; I have been employed by the Chicago Stone, Coal and Mining Company; I was employed to make surveys and estimates of the work on Western Avenue; I made estimates of the work on Western Avenue and Randolph street; I made estimates of the work on Western Avenue and Randolph street; I made estimates of the work on Western Avenue and Randolph street